



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & School
is a welcoming, Christ-centered family,
dedicated to sharing our love and faith.

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LORD’S SUPPER - As Lutherans, in joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, we invite to His table at Good Shepherd those who trust His Word, repent of their sins, and set aside refusal to forgive and love just as we have been loved and forgiven by God. If you are unsure about whether you should commune or not, speak to an usher prior to the service. Thank you and welcome!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LSB 380

THE SERVICE OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THIS WEEK'S THEME... The Lord Jesus Undergoes a New Exodus in Order to Save His People from Their Sins

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 63:7-14

I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year -
Alfred Fedak

EPISTLE

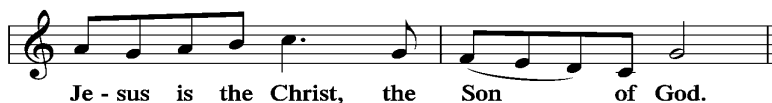
Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

HYMN OF THE DAY “From East to West” **LSB 385**

SERMON Galatians 4:4-7; “We Aren’t Tin Men.”

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each prayer petition concludes:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

THE OFFERING

While we gather the offering today you are invited to fill out the red “Record of Fellowship” forms located at the end of the pew. If you would, please pass the red pad down the pew so everyone can complete the record. Thanks!

PREFACE

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

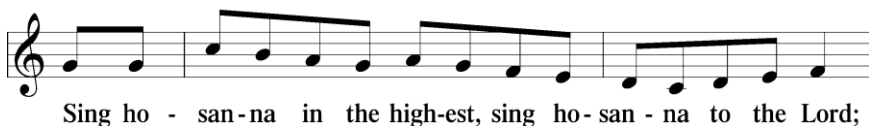
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising
You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 208





LORD'S PRAYER LSB 209

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

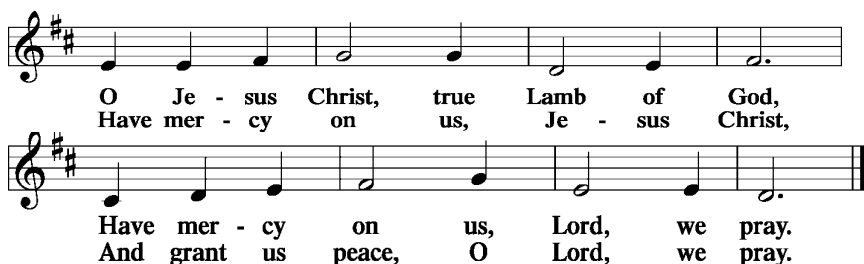
PAX DOMINI LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI LSB 210





THE DISTRIBUTION

As Lutherans, in joyful obedience to the clear teaching of Lord Jesus, we now invite to His table those who trust His Word, repent of their sins, and set aside refusal to forgive and love just as we have been loved and forgiven by God. You will receive the host and then will have a choice of either the individual cups or the common cup. If you would like the common cup, place your hands **FLAT** on the rail while the individual cups are offered. This way Pastor will know that you desire the common cup. If for medical or other reasons you would prefer a non-alcoholic individual cup, they are located in the center of each tray. If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please inform an Usher and what your preference would be – either common or individual cup. Thank you.

HYMNS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”	LSB 366
“What Child Is This”	LSB 370
“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”	LSB 374
“Once In Royal David’s City”	LSB 376
“A Great and Mighty Wonder”	LSB 383

NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant, De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -
For as to in the be - gin - ning, Is -

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN “Joy to the World” LSB 387

POSTLUDE

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JANUARY

19- Church Council Meeting 6 PM

Good Shepherd Needs You!

Good Shepherd warmly invites you to join our Lectors and Ushers ministries! This is a wonderful opportunity to share your gifts and serve our parish community. If you feel called to help, we would love to welcome you. Interested, please see Gary Schroeder.

Altar Flowers

This week, our altar blossoms with love and gratitude! We give thanks for the beautiful flowers generously provided by *Ernie & Stephanie Dinkel* as they celebrate 60 years of marriage. May these blooms remind us that love rooted in faith grows stronger with time—flourishing for a lifetime and beyond. ✨

Share the Gospel with Young People!

Do you have 2 hours to share the Gospel with young people? Good Shepherd is partnering with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) to launch a Good News Club at Ashton Elementary! We are looking for 10 volunteers to serve one day a week (Tuesdays) from 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM. Our goal is to begin in January 2026. If you're interested, please contact Dane Gonzalez at 941-270-0469.

The need in our community is great, and your generosity can truly change lives. You can help by:

- Donating pantry items in the narthex
- Using the postage-paid envelopes for monetary gifts

Every contribution matters. Thank you for your kindness, and may God bless your giving.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Carl Fredriksson	01/01
Jacki Brown	01/04
Barbara Christensen	01/05
Gene Petersen	01/14
Patricia Ruhlig	01/14
Ursula Wertz	01/15
Karen Teller	01/18
Henrietta Lange	01/19
Kevin Lunde	01/19
Mary Beth Speaker	01/28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Robert & Carolyn Weber 01/02 66 years

Next week's Readings

Isaiah 63:7–14, Psalm 111,

Galatians 4:4–7, Matthew 2:13–23

Week of December 20-21, 2025

Tithes & Offering: \$ 3976

Attendance: Advent Wednesday 12/15:38

Saturday 12/20: 19 Sunday 12/21:82

**Notary Service Available – see Sue in the office or call
941-921-3673**

